Welcome to Helena who commenced in Year 5 last week. We wish Helena and her family a happy and rewarding time at Mt Martha Primary School.

WOW!

Well doesn’t a bit of paint make a difference!

Over the past few days eager faces have watched the preparation for the painting of the new playground markings. Expressions of delight have replaced those of wonderment as children of all ages are hopping, jumping and exploring the new playground characters.

The feedback from our school community has been very positive in relation to all our new line markings/games that the children can play on whilst at school. The new line markings are located throughout the school but there are quite a few designs in Area C (near main gates) and on the edge of the oval. Please take the time to have a wander around and view these wonderful new additions to our school yard. Some designs are purely for fun and some have been designed to provide opportunities for teachers to conduct some outdoor learning with the children eg. Compass points, Roman Numerals. We even managed to create some new Bike Education markings for our senior students to use during Bike Education courses. Thanks to all the classes who took the time to participate in our school wide survey to decide on what designs we wanted in the school. Thanks also to our SRC for their input in the process.

2013 Planning

Planning is approaching completion and class groups and locations are being finalised over the next couple of weeks. These are thorough processes that entail exhaustive consultation in our efforts to strive for the best combinations for all students and their academic and social wellbeing. I can assure families that all information on hand has been considered and seek your trust in the judgement of the teachers and the school leadership team.

Staffing Changes

Next year we welcome Music teachers Mrs Leanne Rault back from long term leave. Leanne was appointed to Mt Martha Primary School in 2000 as Music teacher. She is an exceptionally talented musician and singer who, on taking Family Leave in 2004, handed over the Music program to Mrs Joseph and Mr Daniel Jones. Our school has indeed been fortunate to have attracted such an exceptionally talented team of Music teachers.
Teachers joining our enthusiastic and dedicated team for the first time in 2013 are Mr Michael Bierne, Ms Amelia Davey, Ms Jessica Dixon, Ms Paula Phillips and Mr Adrian Vitale.

Teachers taking on new challenges are Ms Danielle Adcock who is moving to rural Victoria, Mr Justin Whelan who is returning to his permanent position at Overport Primary School, Mr Matt Chambers who is moving to Penbank School, Mr Mark Weibgen who is relocating to Queensland, Mr Wilczek will be travelling overseas and Mrs Corinna McCredden is relocating to Tasmania.

It is also the final weeks for our Year 6 students before they head off on the next exciting stage of their schooling. Their next two weeks are filled with transition activities and preparation for their graduation. Their final week will be one of celebration and extra-curricular activities. We hope all those people moving on to new settings enjoy their remaining time at Mt Martha Primary School and we wish them well with their future plans.

Please remember everyone is invited to our end of year assembly which commences in the Gymnasium at 9:10am on Thursday 20th December.

Students attending on Friday 21st December will assist with the end of year packing up and final tidy of classrooms and the school grounds.

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at:
3:30pm on Thursday 20th December and
1.30pm on Friday 21st December.

Next week’s Banksia Bulletin will be our last full newsletter this year and the final two publications will focus on the end of the year reminders for 2012 and dates for 2013 respectively.

Invitation to Discussion on our School’s Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy

We are inviting interested parents to a forum where we will discuss our Student Engagement Policy which can be viewed on our school website. Please visit http://www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au/ and click on the tab “About us”. You will see a menu item titled “Policies” and in there you will find the current Student Engagement Policy. If you would prefer to have a hard copy of the draft please collect one at the office.

This policy includes our Whole School Behaviour Plan and Student Code of Behaviour. We invite you to a discussion on either of two sessions on Tuesday December 4 at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

If you would like to participate please complete the slip below indicating which session you would like to attend.

X

Discussion on our School’s Student Engagement Policy on Tuesday 4th December

Name/s of parent/s wishing to attend:

Students’ names:

Please tick the session you are coming to on December 4th.

2.30pm ☐ 5.30pm ☐
2012 Semester Two Reporting to Parents and AEU Bans

As a follow on to information previously in the Banksia Bulletin about current AEU bans and student written reports please note the following:

DEECD and the Australian Education Union (AEU) are currently negotiating a new Schools Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA). This process has resulted in the AEU and its members endorsing quite specific industrial action. A key action that was endorsed by the AEU Joint Primary and Secondary Council was; ban on reporting student achievement to the department and reports only including VELS progression points and no written comments or numerical data (effort and behaviour) for each subject, commencing from the start of Term 4.

The purpose of the ban is to highlight the amount of unpaid work school staff complete to provide written reports about student achievement. As a consequence, student reports for Semester 2, 2012 are different to those usually provided to parents. This Semester parents and guardians will receive an assessment of their child’s achievement against the VELS and a record of attendance. AEU members will not provide any other written information or comments. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress please contact the class teacher. Attached to the Banksia Bulletin is a sample of a “Semester Two 2012 Report” for students whose teacher is a member of the AEU participating in the industrial ban.

The industrial action has implications for 2013. There is currently a ban on the planning, organising and booking of any activities, including camps and excursions, which would involve AEU members in schools working more than the 38 hours in any week, as provided for in Clause 22(2) or 22(5) of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2008, or working more than the hours required or agreed under Clause 19 of the Victorian Government Schools – Schools Services Officers Agreement 2004.

This ban applies to AEU principal class, executive class, teacher class, paraprofessional class and education support class members. This ban may affect Meet the Teacher Night, School Council Meeting times, staff participation in Twilight Market and attendance at any school events that require staff to work outside their hours of paid employment.

All of these bans are in place to highlight the extra hour’s staff work beyond normal hours of attendance they are paid for.

Thank you to the parents who supported the staff in the stop work action yesterday morning.

Karen Walker

Assistant Principal

Teaching and Learning.
# Example of Student Report

## Mount Martha Primary School

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Year 2 Sem 2 2012

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**Attendance**

Teacher:  
December 2012

**Ratings:**
- A: Well above the standard expected at this time of year
- B: Above the standard expected at this time of year
- C: At the standard expected at this time of year
- D: Below the standard expected at this time of year
- E: Well below the standard expected at this time of year

**Legend:**
- •: Your child's achievement this year
- ☐: The expected level of achievement
Wearing Hats Is Compulsory

As a SunSmart school all students are required to wear broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. This includes on the way to and from school, before and after school in the yard and at recess and lunch play and sporting activities. We wear hats from the beginning of September until end of April with Hats Off Day being the 1st May. Please make sure your child/children have their hats on when they leave for school each morning. The SunSmart policy can be found on our school’s website

www.mtmarthaps.vic.edu.au

The following is an excerpt from our SunSmart policy. It is the rationale for wearing hats and taking other precautions.

A healthy balance between too much and too little ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is important for health.

Too much UV from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Two in three Australians will develop some form of skin cancer before they reach the age of 70. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is known to be a major cause of skin cancer.

Too little UV from the sun can lead to vitamin D deficiency. Vitamin D regulates calcium levels in the blood. It is also necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy bones, muscles and teeth.

To ensure a healthy balance between too much and too little UV is maintained, sun protection is used from the beginning of September until the end of April and whenever the UV Index level reaches 3 and above. From May until August, sun protection is not used unless the UV Index level reaches 3 and above.

Mary O’Brien, Wellbeing.

Library News!

We are looking forward to an exciting 2013 with many new books to be on display in the first week and ready to borrow thereafter.

How can you help in December 2012?

Please check with your child that all Library books have been returned to school. This will help us maintain our collection and have everything ready for the start of next year.

All student borrowing ceases from December 3.

Many thanks to all our student helpers, especially our Library Leadership Team. Many of our younger students follow your example.

Thank you to Carolyn and Georgina for co-ordinating our Book Club. It’s a pleasure to see the number of books wanted by our students for leisure reading. Many thanks to Megan, Kerry, Maria and Leigh for your support in the Library. Parents who would like to assist in book covering and other related Library organisation tasks please leave a message with your contact details at the main office.

Donations - many thanks to the Chinnick and Winderlich families for donating books to our library. We also appreciate the donation of a picture book by Zonta International.

Holiday news! The Mornington Library is a great place to visit during the holidays. You will find lots of contact details to plan suitable activities for your family.

Steph Otte, Library Co-ordinator.
Family Maths Problems

Here are some ways you can enjoy Maths with your family.

Cup mix
You will need
• a cup, lego or bottle tops or pasta or cereal or coins, paper, a pencil or pen

What to do
1. Fill a cup with two different colours of Lego or two different kinds of small things.
2. By looking in your cup, guess which of the 2 kinds of thing you used there is more of.
3. Sort the two different kinds into separate lines. Which are there more of? Were you right?
4. Draw or write about it on your paper.

Some more activities
1. Ask someone else to fill the cup with two different kinds of things while you are not looking.
2. Now guess which kind of thing the cup has more of.
3. Sort and count the things.
4. Record the results on your paper.

Hints for parents – Let your child experiment with their own way of recording the results

Counting out
What you need
• 60 buttons (or seeds, coins, counters, stones etc)
• 1 egg carton (1 dozen spaces)

What to do
1. Count the buttons into the egg carton, so that each space has an equal number.
2. How many in each space?
3. How many are left over? Why?
4. Start with 51 items. How many will be left if you put an equal number in each space on the carton? Why?

Day ticket
You will need
• ‘What’s On’ section in the newspaper and a map of the city

What to do
1. Your friend from another state is coming to visit you and your family has decided to take them to see the sights of the city. Agree on budget with your family.
2. Plan where you could go around the city on a Day Ticket, which allows you to use trains, and trams and buses around the city all day from $1.70 (child) and $3.40 (adult). If you live in the country, you will need to add in the cost of your train ticket to the city and back. Limit your activities to six hours.

For example: ½ train, 10 minutes walk, 1 hour planetarium, 10 minutes walk

Something extra
What would the day cost for your family?

Donna Gadsby, Maths Curriculum Leader
Hello MMPS Families

With only 3 more weeks left of the school term I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to a few people.

Thank you to all the 2012 PTA members - Amy Chinnick, Tara Burrows, Amanda Gibson, Joadie Everest, Amanda Race-Lyons, Tanya Tierney, Paula McHenry, Jan Gough, Simone Vom Braucke, Carolyn Butterworth, Rachel O’Keefe, Mr Cameron Sweatman, Miss Alice Harvey, Mr Jason Antoniou, Mrs Karen Walker and Mrs Judy Beckworth. Without the support of this fabulous team, events and activities for the school would not be able to run.

A huge thank you to Lorraine, Deb, Gina, Anna and Lindie who make organising and running events easier. Thank you to Karen Walker, Hugh O’Brien and Judy Beckworth for all their help, support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you to the teaching staff for their support and help in the classroom with the students for each of the events and activities.

Thank you to the MMPS families and community for enthusiastically taking part in the events and activities.

Thank you to all the businesses who supported our events with donations.

Thank you to the MMPS families who are on the volunteer data base - offering extra support with activities and events when needed.

Our last event for 2012 -

Parent’s Morning Tea - We will be celebrating the end of year by gathering together to catch up, eat Christmas treats and enjoy a cuppa on Wednesday the 5th of December in the Staff Centre after school drop off. Look forward to seeing you there!

PTA are organising a ‘Welcome to the 2013 school year’ family picnic evening. Pencil in the 22nd of February 2013. We hope that all families will be able to come together for a fun family afternoon/evening to help celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year. There will be entertainment - more details to follow!

The first big fundraising event for 2013 is the Twilight Market - if this is something that you would be keen to be a part of please email me on djmayer@bigpond.com - remember this is a big event for the MMPS community and this year we raised over $11,000.

Please note that these events are subject to the PTA forming again in 2013 and also the restrictions associated with the union bans.

By the way 26 more sleeps!

Jaala Mayer, PTA President.

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Lucy Magoo School Foods would like to thank all the parents who have embraced and supported Lucy Magoo School Foods. We would like to take this opportunity to alert parents to changes in next years service. As of next year ordering times will cut off at 10.30pm the night before delivery.
Graduation Helpers Needed!

Our Year 6 group needs some helpers to make graduation this year a success. Can you help out in any areas outlined below?

Do you have a trailer and are able to assist in picking up and dropping back staging for this year’s graduating group? Staging will need to be picked up prior to or early on Monday 17 December and returned on the morning of Tuesday 18 December to and from a local school.

Can you stay to pack up after the ceremony for 30 minutes? This would mean assisting with the pack up of chairs, sweeping and cleaning up supper.

Can you help clean up on Tuesday 18 December? Helpers are required from 9 - 10am.

Can you help set up on Monday 17 December? Helpers are required from 11am - 1pm and 1 - 3pm.

If you can help please contact Marie on 0419 970 406 and book in a time today!

Instrumental Concerts

Tuesday December 4 Instrumental Music Concert (Strings, Woodwind & Brass) 6.30pm in school Gym.

Wednesday 5th December Piano Concert 6.45pm at New Peninsula Church.

Thursday 6th December Guitar & Contemporary Music Concert 6.00pm in the school Gym.

Over many years this highly successful program has provided hundreds of students with the opportunity to learn to play instruments of their choice. The school is pleased to be able to offer this program again in 2013. An enrolment form is included in this newsletter for families interested in this program.

UNIFORM SHOP at MMPS

Please be advised on Book Collection Day Thursday 24th January the Uniform Shop will be open from 8.30am until 4pm. Please collect any pre ordered items from the Uniform Shop on this day or alternatively if you ordered from PSW Frankston you have to collect from there. Thursday 13th December 2012 is the last day for this year that the Uniform Shop will be open at MMPS. The Uniform Shop will re-open for 2013 on Tuesday 5th February from 8.45 - 9.45am.

Shop for your 2013 School Uniform during November and enjoy a 5% discount!*

Laybys are available with a 20% deposit. All laybys must be collected by Friday 14 December 2012.

Please note our store will be closed from: Friday December 21 and will reopen Thursday January 3, 2013.

PSW SHOP ONLINE

www.psw.com.au - uniforms delivered to your door.

*Sorry this offer is not available online.

PSW FRANKSTON
21 Playne Street,
Frankston VIC 3199

Monday to Friday:
8.30am - 5pm
Saturday:
9am - 5pm
2013 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
ENROLMENT FORM

Return by Friday 7 December 2012.

The following Instrumental Lessons may be available during 2013. Please return this page to the School Office if you are interested in having your child:

(1) commence learning an instrument or
(2) continue learning the same instrument at school.

If you would like to register interest for more than one child, please complete a separate form for each child. Additional forms are available at the School Office.

☐ First time hire of this instrument ☐ Continuation of hire for current instrument

Limited places are available for lessons.
Not all instruments are available to all year levels.

Please note that if your child is not immediately placed in the Instrumental Program then his/her name will be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted by the Instrumental Teacher when a suitable vacancy arises.

Student Name: ____________________________ Year Level in 2013: __________________

Parent Name(s): __________________________ Contact No.(Home): ________________

Email Address: ____________________________ Contact No.(Mobile): ________________

Please note: A copy of this form will be provided to the instrumental teacher.

Please circle your preferred option below (Year level availability listed below each option).

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2013 Lesson Pricing:

30 minutes lesson - $27
20 minutes lesson - $19 (piano only)
30 minute Shared Lesson (Flute only) - $19

Instruments available for hire from the school are Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone for $168 per year.

☐ I would like to hire an instrument in 2013 ☐ I will supply my child with their own instrument

All instruments are to be returned to the School Office by Friday 6th December 2013. A late return fee will be imposed for those instruments not returned by this date. There is no hire available over the December/January school year break. This time is necessary for instrument maintenance and for the school to be able to meet hire needs for 2014.

REFUND POLICY

Refunds are calculated on a pro rata term basis (not on a weekly basis). Parents wishing to cancel their Instrument Hire Agreement due to unforeseen circumstances are to contact the School Office. If a refund is approved it will be calculated as follows; for example: If you return an instrument in Week 1 of Term 2 you will receive a refund for Terms 3 & 4. If you return an instrument in Week 10 of Term 3 you will receive a refund for Term 4. A pro rata refund will be issued for the remainder of the school year.

Parent's Name............................................. Parent's Signature................................. Date ....../....../......
A friendly reminder to families and friends that Melrose Dve. is reserved for STAFF PARKING.

Mt Martha Primary School strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. Please alert the office to any hazards.

OSHCP: 0407 438 858

Uniform Shop: 1800 337 396
Tuesdays: 8.45am—9.45am
Thursdays: 3.00pm—4.00pm
Cash, credit card & EFTPOS facilities.
Sorry, no cheques accepted
Online ordering available at: www.psw.com.au

PSW Frankston
21 Playne St, Frankston
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Shop Hours Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm & Sat 9am-5pm

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A tame Galah was found in Mt Martha around 3 weeks ago. Please contact Anamalia Animal Shelter in Frankston on 0435 822 699 for more information.

Dromana Sea Scouts are taking registrations for 2013. Contact Val Jarman on 0413 984 325 or gvjarman@iprimus.com.au. Waiting lists may apply - enquiries welcome!